VETERINARY MEDICINE BOARD[811]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 169.5, the Board of Veterinary Medicine hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 1, "Description of Organization and Definitions," Chapter 6, "Application for Veterinary Licensure," Chapter 8, "Auxiliary Personnel," and Chapter 11, "Continuing Education," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments would allow the Board of Veterinary Medicine to waive state fees and continuing education requirements upon request for an individual who has been on active military duty during the 12 months preceding the request. These amendments would also provide a waiver for the spouse of the person who has been on active military duty during the 12 months preceding the request.

Any interested persons may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before December 30, 2014. Written comments should be addressed to David Schmitt, Executive Secretary, Board of Veterinary Medicine, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Comments may be submitted by fax to (515)281-4282 or by e-mail to David.Schmitt@IowaAgriculture.gov.

The proposed amendments are subject to the Board's general waiver provision.

After analysis and review of this rule making, these amendments may have a positive impact on jobs by helping recruit veterans to the state.

These amendments are intended to implement 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, section 34.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Adopt the following new definition in rule 811—1.4(17A,169):

"Qualifying military service personnel" means a person, or the spouse of that person, who is currently or who has been during the past 12 months on federal active duty, state active duty, or national guard duty and has provided sufficient documentation to the board concerning the service and, if applicable, marriage.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 811—6.2(169) as follows:

811—6.2(169) Fee schedule for veterinarians. The following fees shall be collected by the board and shall not be refunded except by board action in unusual instances such as documented illness of the applicant, death of the applicant, inability of the applicant to comply with the rules of the board, or withdrawal of an examination application provided withdrawal is received in writing 45 days prior to the examination date. However, the state fees may be waived for qualifying military service personnel upon request. Examination fees shall be nontransferable from one examination to another.

The fee for the NAVLE, which is utilized by the board as a part of the licensure process, shall be the fee charged that year by NBVME, plus an administrative fee payable to the board.

Based on the board's anticipated financial requirements, the following fees are hereby adopted:

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section sections 169.5 and 169.12.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 811—8.3(169) as follows:

811—8.3(169) Examination. An application fee of \$25 shall accompany the application to take the examination; and both must be received by the board at least 60 days before the examination. An additional fee shall be submitted for the national board written examination as provided by the professional examination service, when utilized by the board as part of their examination process, which shall be the fees charged for the examination by the professional examination service plus \$10 for the costs of administration. Examinations shall be given annually in June at a site to be designated by the board at least 30 days before the date of the examination. The fee may be waived for qualifying military service personnel upon request.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 169.5(8), 169.9 and 169.12 <u>and 2014 Iowa Acts</u>, chapter 1116, section 34.

- ITEM 4. Adopt the following **new** subrule 8.10(5):
- **8.10(5)** The board may waive continuing education requirements for qualifying military service personnel upon request.
 - ITEM 5. Amend 811—Chapter 8, implementation sentence, as follows:

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.3, 169.4, 169.5, 169.9 and 169.20 and 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, section 34.

- ITEM 6. Adopt the following **new** subrule 11.1(5):
- **11.1(5)** The board may waive continuing education requirements for qualifying military service personnel upon request.